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"A free press can of course be good or bad, but most certainly without freedom it will never be anything but bad." Albert Camus

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ACC Received Grant

WILSON — Grants totaling more than \$49,000 are being distributed to 41 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina this week by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, according to Larry Lassiter, local Sears Foundation representative.

Atlantic Christian College has received a grant totaling \$1,500.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among an estimated 950 private, accredited two and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,650,000 in Sears Foundation funds.

Nationally, private colleges and universities will receive \$1,150,000 in unrestricted grants and an additional \$500,000 through a Sears Foundation program to assist college and university libraries.

The unrestricted funds may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary. The library grant program is designed to supplement the normal book acquisition budgets of the participating institutions.

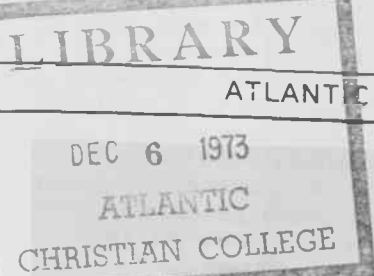
In addition to its unrestricted and college library grant programs, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, during the current year, will invest more than \$1,100,000 in a variety of other education activities, the spokesman said. This will bring the budgeted education expenditures of The Sears-Roebuck Foundation to more than \$2,750,000 in 1973.

Art Auction Slated

The Atlantic Christian College Department of Art will hold its annual art auction on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the lobby of Hines Hall on the college campus. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the publication of "Crucible," a literary and art magazine.

Many pieces of art work will be displayed in the student gallery of the Case Art Building prior to the auction and will be moved to the lobby of Hines Hall on the afternoon of the auction.

The auction is expected to last approximately two hours, with some 60-70 pieces of art being offered for sale. Among the works will be oil paintings, sculptures, ceramic works, and graphic works in a variety of media, and perhaps other types. All works are contributed for the auction by faculty members of



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Meditation Center Construction Near

Early in 1972, Atlantic Christian College students began to realize the need for a place of silence and privacy on campus for meditation, small group and individual worship which no existing college facility affords.

Howard Chapel, a campus landmark, serves the college in a multipurpose unit and is used for assemblies and large congregational worship as well as organ practice, recitals, drama classes and stage productions.

Students felt that a small chapel which would be open 24 hours a day to the campus community would provide the answer to their problem. A small group of enthusiastic students with encouragement from Prof.

Eugene Purcell Jr., proposed the idea of a student-built, student-financed meditation center to the college administration, the board of trustees and the student body. President Arthur D. Wenger vigorously advocated the project and steered it through proper administrative channels.

By 1973 students were advancing their fund raising effort with the full support of the ACC Board of Trustees. An appeal to members of the Christian Church in North Carolina brought a response of more than \$3,000 from individual members, classes and church boards as an expression of their love and concern for the students of Atlantic Christian College.

The initial goal of \$10,000 for the Student Meditation Center has virtually been reached, according to students involved in the fund-raising effort. More than \$9,700 is now on hand and students are hoping to close the gap and begin construction by early in the spring semester.

Students have played the major role in seeking money

sources and have donated over \$2,300 out of their own pockets as firm testimony to the need for such a facility on the campus. Barry Morgan of Durham and Rob Coleman of Emporia, Va., leaders of the on-campus effort, report that students not only intend to contribute money, but will carry out most of the actual construction themselves.

The building is to be a sturdy redwood structure of modular design which facilitate easy erection. Campus architects, Skinner and Lamm Associates of Wilson, in collaboration with Rondesics Corp. of Asheville, foresee 870 square feet of free space within the building which will offer flexibility and tasteful worship settings. The building site will be located adjacent to Howard Chapel.

Financial support is still needed for the center. To complete construction an additional \$5,000 must be raised soon. The complete cost of the main unit, heating-cooling package, furniture, carpet and landscaping is estimated at \$15,000.

Administration Building Named

Atlantic Christian College's administration building was dedicated during special ceremonies to be held on the college campus, Thursday, Nov. 29, at 2:30 p.m.

The building was dedicated to the late Mrs. Mary Irwin Belk of Charlotte, and will be named "Mary Irwin Belk Hall."

Guest speaker for the occasion as Dr. Dale H. Gramley, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Speaking in behalf of the Belk family will be Irwin Belk of Charlotte. Appearing on the program in behalf of the college was Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president of the college. Presiding will be T. J. Hackney Jr., chairman of the ACC Board of Trustees.

The building was dedicated to Mrs. Belk as a result of the Belk-Tyler Foundation and the Belk Foundation participating in one of the numerous commemorative opportunities available through Atlantic Christian College's Fulfillment Fund Program.

Completed in 1956, the single-story structure houses most of the college's main administrative offices including those of the president of the college, the business manager,

director of publicity and special activities, director of development, director of admissions, director of student financial aid, director of alumni affairs, dean of the college, registrar, and accounting. Also located in the building is the college's telephone exchange and inplant printing operation.

A daughter of Dr. John R. Irwin and Margaret Henderson Irwin, Mrs. Belk was born March 3, 1882, in Charlotte, N. C. She was a graduate of Presbyterian College (now Queens) and before her marriage to William Henry Belk in 1915, taught in the public schools of Charlotte in the elementary grades.

Mrs. Belk was a member of the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church and served as president of the Women of the Church.

She had a deep concern for underprivileged children and gave tirelessly of time and efforts in the expansion of the services of Crossnore School, Crossnore; the Alexander Home, Charlotte; and Presbyterian Orphanage, Barium Springs, N. C. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of each of these institutions.

Toy Drive Set

By ANN PINSON

Next week from Monday, December 10 until Friday, December 15, there will be a large box placed in the lobby of the C. L. Hamlin Student Center. This box will be for the deposit of books and toys to be given to the Children's Unit of Wilson Memorial Hospital. This project is sponsored by the Rotract Club of Atlantic Christian College.

Rotract contacted Mrs. Priscilla Ballance, Director of Nursing Service at the hospital said that the hospital had no fund for toys nor does any organization affiliated with the hospital have a fund to supply the unit with toys. They have a special need for books especially for 3-5 year old children. These toys are for children who are allowed very little or no activity out of bed. Other suggestions were for unused coloring books, plastic trucks, and children's books up to age 12.

This is a good time for you to clean out your closet in preparation for this years' bundle from Santa Claus. Any good toys that your children no longer play with will be appreciated by the children in the hospital. So, faculty and students, clean out your children's and little brothers and sisters toy boxes to make the hospital stay of a little child a little more pleasant now and in the future.

BAND CONCERT

The Atlantic Christian College Band will present its winter concert Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m., in Howard Chapel. The program, directed by Andrew Preston, will feature Marvin Lamb of the ACC music faculty in the solo, "Ode for Trumpet," by Alfred Reed. Christmas selections include "Parade of Carols" and the "American Christmas Folk Suite," arranged for brass and choir by Bill Holcombe.

